

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3395**

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TO:	The Honorable Joe E. Brown, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Dietetics Licensure Act		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill enacts the Dietetics Licensure Act by establishing a South Carolina Board of Dietetics and its members and duties; and by providing the criteria, regulations, penalties, and scope of work for the practice of dietitians.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

This Bill establishes a South Carolina Board of Dietetics, which would require approximately \$100,000 - \$250,000 annually in Other Funds to operate. Costs include personal service and employer contributions for 1.50 - 3.00 FTEs, including administrative staff and investigators; and operating expenses, including travel and per diem for the seven Board members. Since Section 40-20-90 (B) of the Bill provides that fees be established to cover the administration of this chapter, there will be no cost to the General Fund of the State.

This estimate is based on expenses for comparable licensing boards with similar number of licensees at the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; although this Board would be separate from that agency. There are approximately 850 practicing dietitians in South Carolina.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

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